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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WAGON FACTORY AT ALAPUZHA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal for setting up a Wagon factory at Alapuzha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of doubling and electrified work in Kerala; and

(d) the time by which the said project is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) No Madam. However, a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had been signed between Ministry of Railways and Government of Kerala on 28-06-2008 for setting up a Joint Venture Company of Railway coach and wagon components by utilizing the assets of Steel Fabrication Unit (SFU) and M/s Autokast at Cherthala, Alappuzha District, Kerala. In view of technological up-gradation, RITES is being asked to suggest an alternative business plan for viable manufacture of components that will be needed by the Railways in the future.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) Only after the receipt of report of RITES and firming up the business plan,any further decision regarding the project can be taken.